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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18,20-22,24-39 and 45-59 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-18,20-22,24-39 and 45-59 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. The RCE and amendment filed 6/2/08 have been entered.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lebel et al (2003/0009203).

4. Regarding claim 13, Lebel et al show: An apparatus comprising a processor configured to generate content comprising validation data and other data which comprises software (abstract, para 17, 21, 141), the content being stored at the apparatus (para 141, 142); download the content to a terminal, upon receipt of a signal transmitted by the terminal to connect to the apparatus, the validation data of the content downloaded from the apparatus being configured to permit the terminal to determine whether the content was securely downloaded and that the content originated from the apparatus (para 142, 143, 145), wherein the processor is configured

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to download the content by downloading the validation data and the other data concurrently from the apparatus together in a single download file (para 125, 126, 143, 156, 159)..

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 14-18, 20-22, 24-39, 47-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lebel et al (2003/0009203) and Gurevich et al (2002/0178370).

7. Regarding claims 14 and 50, in addition to that mentioned for claim 13, Lebel et al do not specifically mention the server, but do mention efficiently downloading content. Furthermore, Gurevich et al have the server for efficient downloading of content (para 18, 20, 32). It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to have the server in Lebel et al, as it would provide efficient downloading of the content.

8. Claims 17-18, 20 show the same features as claim 14 and are rejected for the same reasons.

9. Regarding claims 15 and 21, the memory automatically stores the downloaded content as a default memory setting after the validation data is evaluated (Lebel et al para 52, 143).

10. Regarding claims 16, 22, and 24, Gurevich et al show the validation of data has a HTTP header which the terminal is configured to examine (para 35, 69, 78, 81). The obviousness to have the server downloading abilities which include the HTTP header, into Lebel et al is the same as that mentioned in paragraph 7 of this Office Action.

11. Regarding claims 25-29, the validation data identifies the apparatus/server and indicates whether the content has been accepted by the terminal/apparatus (Level et al para 142, 143, 145 with the obviousness for the server of Gurevich et al as explained in paragraph 7 of this Office Action).

12. Regarding claims 30-34, the content is rejected if the validation data indicates the content did not originate from the apparatus/server (Lebel et al para 92, 111, 151 with the obviousness for the server of Gurevich et al as explained in paragraph 7 of this Office Action).

13. Regarding claims 35-39, the content is installed after it is validated as originating from the server/apparatus (Lebel et al para 92, 111, 151 with the obviousness for the server of Gurevich et al as explained in paragraph 7 of this Office Action).

14. Regarding claims 47 and 53, the software has multimedia content (Lebel et al para 42, 143).

15. Regarding claims 48, 51, 54, 56, 58, the content is determined to originate from the server/apparatus based on codes in the validation data identifying the server/apparatus (Level et al para 92, 111, 142, 143, 145 with the obviousness for the server of Gurevich et al as explained in paragraph 7 of this Office Action).

16. Regarding claims 49, 52, 55, 57, the content is evaluated as correct and the apparatus/server is determined to be authorized for downloading the content (Level et al para 92, 111, 142, 143, 145 with the obviousness for the server of Gurevich et al as explained in paragraph 7 of this Office Action).

17. Claims 45-46 and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lebel et al (2003/0009203) and Gurevich et al (2002/0178370) and Nonaka et al (7073073).

18. Regarding claims 45 and 59, in addition to that mentioned for claims 13 and 20 respectively, neither Lebel et al nor Gurevich et al show determining whether a user has paid a tariff for the requested content and that the download occurs only if the determination reveals that the user has paid a tariff for the content, but do show

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efficiently downloading when certain criteria are met by the receiving side. Furthermore, Nonaka et al do show this for efficiently downloading when certain criteria are met by the receiving side (para 121, 235, 237, 565). It would have been obvious to a person with ordinary skill in the art to have this in the system of Lebel et al as modified by Gurevich et al, because it would allow efficiently downloading when certain criteria are met by the receiving side.

19. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

20. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P. Sax whose telephone number is (571) 272-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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